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SECTARIANISM.

DR. TALMAGE'S SERMON AT THE One is just as good as the other. "Every HAMPTONS.

Digotry and Sectarianism Disgust People With the Christian Religion and Hinder the Triumph of the Gospel. Intelerance Never Put Anything Down.

THE HAMPTONS, Aug. 14.—Today the Pev. T. De Witt Talmage's sermon is "Concerning the Bigots," and the text, Then said they unto him, Say now Shibboleth, and he said Sibboleth, for he could not frame to pronounce it

Do you notice the difference of pronunciation between shibboleth and sibboleth? A very small and unimportant difference, you say. And yet that difference was the difference between life and death for a great many people. The Lord's people, Gilead and Ephraim, got into a great fight, and Ephraim was worsted, and on the retreat came to the fords of the river Jordan to cross. Order was given that all Ephraimites coming there be slain. But how could be found out who were Ephraimites? They were detected by their promunciation. Shibboleth was a word that stood for river. The Ephraimites had a brogue of their own, and when out the sound of the "h." When it was | years old. asked that they say Shibboleth they said Fibboleth, and were slain. "Then said they unto him. Say now shibboleth; and he said Sibboleth, for he could not frame to pronounce it right. Then they took kim and slew him at the passages of Jordan." A very small difference, you small difference! The Lord's tribes in our time-by which I mean the different denominations of Christians-sometimes magnify a very small difference, and the only difference between scores of denominations today is the difference between

Ehibboleth and sibboleth. great number of denominations. Time would fail me to tell of the Calvinists, and the Arminians, and the Sabbatarians, and the Baxterians, and the Dunkers, and the Shakers, and the Quakers, and the Methodists, and the Baptists, and the Episcopalians, and the Lutherans, and the Congregationalists, and the Presbyterians, and the Spiritualists, and a score of other denominations of religionists, some of them founded by very good men, some of them founded by very egotistic men and some of them founded by very lad men. But as I demand for myself morals and in religion let there be no gag persecution, no intolerance,

You know that the air and the water think there is a tendency in religious discussion to purification and moral health. Between the Fourth and the Sixteenth centuries the church proposed to make peop's think aright by prohibiting discusion and by strong censorship of the press, and by rack and gibbet and hot lead down the throat tried to make people orthodox; but it was discovered that you cannot change a man's belief by twisting off his | the obelisk?" bond, and that you cannot make a man see things differently by putting an awl through his eyes. There is something in

the Fourth and Sixteenth centuries, people went from the house of God into the so soon kill bigotry as sunshine—God's gost appalling iniquity, and right along by consecrated alters there were tides of drunkenness and licentiousness such as the world never heard of, and the very sewers of perdition broke loose and flooded the church. After a while the printing ful effects? First of all it cripples investiess was freed, and it broke the shackles there was one man hostile to the Christian religion there were twenty men ready to

as that God is stronger than the devil Let error run if you only let truth run is to present all the truths of the Bible, it hout and transcendentalist's spur, let it run. God's angels of wrath are in hot pursuit, and quicker than eagle's beak

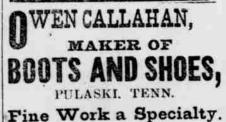
of sectarianism-its origin, its evils, and its cures. There are those who would make us think that this monster, with forms and hoofs, is religion. I shall gase it to ito hiding place, and drag it off its hide. But I want to make a disfinction between bigotry and the lawful In a world of such tremendous vicissi-

tude and temptation, and with a soul that of insufferable brightness, in a day when he rocking of the mountains and the aming of the heavens and the upheaval of the sea shall be among the least of the excitements, to give account for every thought, word, action, preference, and lislike-that man is mad who has no raligious preference. But our early eduation, our physical temperament, our nental constitution, will very much de-

A style of psalmody that may please re most impressed when a little child is e waters of a holy benediction, "in the ne of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost;" and others are more impressed when the penitent comes up he said if he thought there was one drop out of the river, his garments dripping of Lutheran blood in his veins he would with the waters of a baptism which signifies the washing away of sin. Let cither have his own way. One man

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likes no noise in prayer; not a word, not a whist er. Another man, just as good. prefers by gesticulation and exclamation to express his devotional aspirations. man fully persuaded in his own mind."

George Whitefield was going over a Quaker rather roughly for some of his religious sentiments, and the Quaker

aid: "George, I am as thou art; I am for bringing all men to the hope of the Gospel; therefore, if thou wilt not quarrel with me about my broad brim I will not quarrel with thee about thy black gown. George, give me thy hand." I. In tracing out the religion of sec-

tarianism, of bigotry, I find that a great deal of it comes from wrong education in the home circle. There are parents right. Then they took him, and slew who do not think it wrong to caricature him at the passages of Jordan."-Judges | and jeer the peculiar forms of religion in the world, and denounce other sects and other denominations. It is very often the case that that kind of education acts just opposite to what was expected, and the children grow up and, after a while, go and see for themselves, and looking in those churches and finding that the people are good there, and they love God and keep his commandments, by natural reaction they go and join those very churches. I could mention the names of prominent ministers of the Gospel who spent their whole lives bombarding other denominations and who lived to see their children preach the Gospel in those very denominations. But it is often the case that bigotry starts in a household and that the subject of it never recovers. they tried to say shibboleth always left | There are tens of thousands of bigots 10

I think sectarianism and bigotry also rise from too great prominence of any one denomination in a community. All the other denominations are wrong, and his denomination is right because his de nomination is the most wealthy, or the most popular, or the most influential, say, between Gilead and Ephraim, and and it is "our" church and "our" reliyet how much intolerance about that gious organization, and "our" choir and "our" minister and the man tosses is head and wants other denominations to know their places. It is a great deal better in any community when the great denominations of Christians are about equal in power, marching side by side for the world's conquest. Mere outside The church of God is divided into a prosperity, mere worldly power, is no

evidence that the church is acceptable to God. Better a barn with Christ in the manger than a cathedral with magnificent harmonies rolling through the long drawn aisle, and an angel from heaven in the pulpit, if there be no Christ in the chancel and no Christ in the robes. Bigotry is often the child of ignorance. You seldom find a man with large in

tellect who is a bigot. It is the man who

thinks he knows a great deal, but does not. That man is almost always a bigot. The whole tendency of education and civilization is to bring a man out of that Liberty of conscience, I must give that kind of state of mind and heart. There some liberty to every other man, remem- was in the far east a great obelisk, and bering that he no more differs from me one side of the obelisk was white, anthan I differ from him. I advocate the other side of the obelisk was green, an largest liberty in all religious belief and other side of the obelisk was blue and form of worship. In art, in politics, in travelers went and looked at that obelisk, but they did not walk around it. One law, no moving of the previous question, man looked at one side, another at auother side and they came home, each one looking at only one side; and they hapkeep pure by constant circulation, and I pened to meet, the story says, and they got into a rank quarrel about the color of that obelisk. One man said it was white, another man said it was green, another man said it was blue, and when they were in the very heat of the controversy a more intelligent traveler came and said: "Gentlemen, I have seen that obelisk and you are all right, and you are all

wrong. Why didn't you walk all around Look out for the man who sees only one side of a religious truth. Look out for the man who never walks around a man's conscience which will hurl off about these great theories of God and the mountain that you threw upon it, eternity and the dead. He will be a bigot inevitably—the man who only sees one will make red wings, on which the martyr side. There is no man more to be pitied than he who has in his head just one idea -no more, no less. More light, less sectarianism. There is nothing that will

II. So I have set before you whatconsider to be the causes of bigotry. have set before you the origin of this great evil. What are some of the balegation. You are wrong, and I am right, the human mind. Then there came a and that ends it. No taste for exploration, no spirit of investigation. From the glorious realm of God's truth, over which an archangel might fly from eteradvocate it; so I have not any nervousness | nity to eternity and not reach the limit, the man shuts himself out and dies, a blind mole under a corn shock. It stops

all investigation. While each denomination of Christians seems to me that God has given to each denomination an especial mission to give particular emphasis to some one doctrine; and so the Calvanistic churches must present the sovereignty of God, and the Arminian churches must present man's free agency, and the Episcopal churches must present the importance of order and solemn ceremony, and the Baptist churches must present the necessity of ordinances, and the Congregational church must present the responsibility of out of the caverns of darkness, and rip the individual member, and the Methodist church must show what holy enthusiasm, hearty congregational singing can ondness for peculiar religious beliefs and accomplish. While each denomination forms of worship. I have no admiration of Christians must set forth all the doctrines of the Bible, I feel it is especially incumbent upon each denomination to out particular emphasis on some one doc-

sectarianism and bigotry of the church is that it disgusts people with the Christian religion. Now, my friends, the Church of God was never intended for a war barrack. People are afraid of a riot. You go down the street and you see an excitement, and missiles flying through the air, and you hear the shock of firearms. Do you, the peaceful and industrious citizen, go through that street? Oh, no! you will say, "I'll go to have a minister in gown and bands around the block," Now, men come to have a minister in gown and bands and surplice, and others prefer to have a minister in plain citizen's apparel. Some minister in plain citizen's apparel. Some brickbats flying every whither, and they presented at the altar and sprinkled of say, "Well, I guess I'll take the broad much sharp shooting on the narrow road,

I guess I'll try the broad road." Francis I so hated the Lutherans that puncture them and let that trop out. Just as long as there is to much bethety

whole life to controversial disputes, come up in the presence of such churche when, if they had given their life to and such denominations, although they something practical they might have been may be different from our own, w

tion, or between one professed Christian

Again, bigotry and sectarianism do

men of splendid intellect have given their

between denomination and denominate all the denominations of Christians have

and another, or between one church and There is nothing that so stirs my soul as

another, just so long men will be dis- this thought. One denomination yielded

gusted with the Christian religion, and a Robert Hall and an Adoniram Judson

say, "If that is religion, I want none another yielded a Latimer and a Melville;

great damage in the fact that they hin- nomination yielded John Knox and the

much wasted ammunition, how many was not worthy. Now, I say, if we are

yielded noble institutions and noble men.

another yielded John Wesley and the

blessed Summerfield, while our own de-

honest and fair minded men, when w

to love and honor them. Churches

tion-at any rate, our respect. So come

mands that you and I help do it. For-

Moreover, we may also overthrow the

other denominations in Christian work,

nominations come upon the same plat-

the gangways, and clutching for the ris

and the dead, threw two continents into

and rescue? Never! Never! In what-

Well, my friends, our world has gone

We must be. We must be.

charity!

One army of the living God,

To whose command we bow;

Part of the host have crossed the flood,

denominations of Christians shall join

hands around the cross of Christ and re-

cite the creed: "I believe in God the

earth, and in Jesus Christ, and in the

with the largest hearted Christian

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be concealed from the French public.

It is of ominous significance that at the

And I expect to see the day when all

ever part of the earth they meet, the

ward, the whole line.

vastly useful. Suppose this morning, ought to admire them, and we ought while I speak, there were a common enemy coming up the bay through the Narrows, and all the forts around New large hearted charity, and such magnifications. York began to fire into each other, you cent martyrdom, ought to win our affect would cry out, "National suicide! Why don't those forts blaze away in one on, ye four hundred thousand Episcodirection, and that against the common palians in this country, and ye eight hunenemy?" A yet I sometimes see in the dred thousand Presbyterians, and ye two church of the Lord Jesus Christ a strange and a half million Baptists, and ye asar! thing going on; church against church, three and three-quarter million Metho minister against minister, denomination dists; come on, shoulder to shoulder we against denomination, firing away into will march for the world's conquest, for their own fort, or the fort which ought all nations are to be saved, and God deto be on the same side, instead of conentrating their energy and giving one mighty and everlasting volley against the navies of darkness riding up through the feeling of severe sectarianism by joining

I go out sometimes in the summer, and I like when the springtime comes and the I find two beehives, and these two hives anniversary occasions begin and all de are in a quarrel. I come near enough, not to be stung, but I come just near form. That overthrows sectarianism. It enough to hear the controversy, and one the Young Men's Christian association, in beehive says, "That field of clover is the | the Bible society, in the Tract society, in sweetest," and another bechive says, the Foreign Missionary society, shoulder "That field of clover is the sweetest," I to shoulder all denominations. come in between them, and I say, "Stop this quarrel; if you like that field of trate this trath by calling your attention clover best, go there; if you like that field to an incident which took place fourteer of clover best, go there; but let me tell or fifteen years ago. One Monday morn you that that hive which gets the most ing, at about 2 o'clock, while her 900

nonev is the best hive." So I come out passengers were sound asleep in her between the churches of the Lord Jesus | berths dreaming of home, the steamer Christ, One denomination of Christians Atlantic grashed into Mars Head. Five says, "That field of Christian doctrine is hundred souls in ten minutes landed in best," and another says, "This field of cternity! Oh, what a scene! Agonized Christian doctrine is best." Well, I say. "Go where you get the most honey." That is the best church which gets the ging, and the plunge of the helple most honey of Christian grace for the steamer, and the clapping of the hands heart, and the most honey of Christian of the merciless sea over the drowning usefulness for the life.

Besides that, if you want to build up terror. But see this brave quartermaster my denomination you will never build it pushing out with the life line until he up by trying to pull some other down. gets to the rock, and see these fisherme Intolerance never put anything down, gathering up the shipwrecked and taking How much has intolerance accomplished, them into the cabins, and wrapping for instance, against the Methodist them in the flannels snug and warm church? For long years her ministry and see that minister of the gospel, with were forbidden the pulpits of Great three other men, getting into a lifeboat Britain. Why was it that so many of and pushing out for the wreck, pulling them preached in the fields? Simply be-away across the surf, and pulling away cause they could not get in the churches. until they saved one more man, and then And the name of the church was given getting back with him to the shore in derision and as a sarcasm. The critics | Can those men ever forget that night of the church said, "They have no order, And can they eyer forget their companthey have no method in their worship; ionship in peril, companionship in strug and the critics, therefore, in irony called gle, companionship in awful catastroph them "Methodists." I am told that in Astor

it is either first or second amid the denominations of Christendom, her missionary stations in all parts of the world, her men not only important in religious | tossed in the tempests of six thousand

What did intolerance accomplish the memory of common hands against the Baptist church? If laughing scorn and tirade could have destroyed the church it would not have today a

The Baptists were hurled out of Boston in olden times. Those who sympathized with them were confined, and when a petition was offered asking leniency in their behalf, all the men who signed it were indicted. Has intolerance stopped the Baptist church? The last statistics in regard to it showed about 30,000 churches and 2,500,000 communicants. Intolerance never put down anything.

In England a law was made against the Jew. England thrust back the Jew and thrust down the Jew, and declared that no Jew should hold official position. What came of it? Were the Jews destroved? Was their religion overthrown? Who became prime minister of England years ago? Who was next to the throne? Who was higher than the throne because he was counselor and adviser? The descendant of a Jew. were we celebrating in all our churches as well as synagogues a few years agoi The 100th birthday anniversary of Montefiore, the greatest Jewish philanthropist. Intolerance never yet put down

III. But now, my friends, having shown you the origin of bigotry or sectarianism, and having shown you the lamage it does. I want briefly to show you how we are to war against this terrible evil, and I think we ought to begin our war by realizing our own weakness and our imperfections. If we make so many mistakes in the common affairs of life, is it not possible that we may make mistakes in regard to our religious affairs? Shall we take a man by the throat or by the collar because he cannot see religious truths just as we do? In the think, there was something wrong in all our creeds, and something right in all our creeds. But since we may make mistakes in regard to things of the world, do not let us be egotistic and so puffed up as to have an idea that we cannot make any mistake in regard to religious theories. And then, I think, we will do a great deal to overthrow the sectarianism from our heart, and the sectarianism from the world, by chiefly enlarging upon those things in which we agree

rather than those on which we direr. Now, here is a great Gospel platform. A man comes up on this side the plat-form and says: "I don't believe in baby sprinkling." Shall I shove him off? Here is a man coming up on this side the platform, and he says: "I don't believe n the perseverance of the saints." Shall I shove him off? I will say: "Do you believe in the Lord Jesus as your Saviour? do you trust Him for time and for eter He says: "Yes," "Do you take Christ for time and for eternity?" one in time and one in eternity; brother now, brother forever." Blessed be God

for a Gospel platform so large that all who receive Christ may stand on it! I think we may overthrow the severe sectarianism and bigotry in our hearts, and in the church also, by realizing that

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empt to set up a trust in the Ten- do not know what it is.

ting such trust.

hostility and disloyalty to its true the preacher in charge of the sta- wished to leave some enduring menocommon trials, and common prayers, and relation to the Methodist church but tion. It is not true as a matter of rial of his acknowledgement and the common tears, let us be brothers forever. er relation to that church.

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communion of saints, and in the life everlasting." May God inspire us all hurch should be taught therein. merly. True, his confidence dies hard, and

other person or class except the rela If they fail to do so they will negove in his official character. 9. For want of equity on the face of the bill.

cannot be made on the old lines. Outside murrer as sufficient to finally dis-

an unsolved problem. The question is church,

ERRORS IN THE BILL.

to put more capital into an undertaking It is true that on the 21st of June, 1870, soon after his death there was a meeting of the officers of the was a meeting of the officers of the which is now in so hopeless a condition. Methodist church at Pulaski and \$30,000 in bonds of the state of should call him and consult with him. The eighteenth volume of the "Rebellion Records' has been completed and is that they were the officers designation as an endowment fund He did so. After explaining the whole ready for distribution. This work, which ted in said will in the 5th and 11th for such school. He desired that it matter to him, Judge Spofford advised ready for distribution. This work, which was begun by the war department about nine years ago, promises to continue for whether there was a presiding elder influences and by citizens of Giles and the will was written as directed by good many years before it is completed. present or not, but if there was it county, that it should not be de Mr. Martin, and by him signed and The eighteenin dame only takes the was not as a matter of right but of history down to early in 1862. the work is finished it is estimated that it | courtesy. The initial of said most he wished that the church to which | witnesses. the work is finished it is estimated that it will fill 127 volumes, and the last volume will fill 127 volumes, and the last volume in gas recited in complainants bill he had contributed so much should from home, Mr. Martin sent for Col. J. eare for and foster it. Having imthe next century. The copy is very diffi- not complete and the defendants plicit confidence in the officers of the will, leaving out the bequest to cult for the printers to handle. It is will file a full copy with their an- the local church at Pulaski with Giles College, but not changing the will almost impossible to read many of the swer. Respondents admit that H. whom he had been associated so in any other respect, as Mr. Martin M. Spofford, executor of Thos. Mar- long and believing that their suc- told me upon my return home. The The matter is arranged to cover the The matter is arranged to cover the movements of each army separately. It tin, knew his testator's intentions, cessors would be men worthy of his College he explained to me, which it is my views of the momentous question is not thought that there will be any sur- but they deny that he paid over any confidence he left the disposition of unnecessary to state here. conference as the bill states and it school as well as the plan for found is not true that such bonds or cash ing the same to said officers and or twice he did not desire the school from his long line of antecedants. "Yes." I say: "Come on, brother; vivors of the war in existence when the bonds or cash to said quarterly the fund bequeathed to found a "During the interview with Judge work is completed .- New York Commerwere ever under the control or in they were in general terms empow the list of the trustees two of them tion for so delicate and momentous a There were 60,636 births in Paris last year. There were 57,092 deaths during the same period, of which more than ence. 10,000 were due to pulmonary diseases.

It is true that a charter for a female school was taken out and it was regularly and legally incorporated as Martin Female College and Martin, but partially by money raised by mortgaging the property and other money raised by subscription, erection of suitable buildings for a grounds, it being the prevailing sentibut a portion of this mortgaged female school.

or that the greater part of it was expressly excluded the idea of any subscribed by Methodists or that the greater part of it was expressly excluded the idea of any cations appeared to what churches they leave it was on the day preceding his death I, with two others, B. W. Mason, charter of incorporation the foundations appeared to what churches they leave it was on the day preceding his death I, with two others, B. W. Mason, charter of incorporation the foundations appeared to what churches they leave it was on the day preceding his death I, with two others, B. W. Mason, charter of incorporation the foundations appeared to what churches they leave it was on the day preceding his death I, with two others, B. W. Mason, charter of incorporation the foundations and the community in the community i subscribed by Methodists or that the trustees received such fund with any such trust, whatever may have been the intention of any subscriber, but they are informed that the greater portion of the subscriptions were made with the understanding that said school was not to be derominational or sectarian. It is not true that a minister of the Method.

Subscribed by Methodists or that the trustees received such fund with any such trust, whatever may have belonged from the best female school we have ever the the town of Pulaski; as good, in my opinion, as any in the state of Tennessee, and I will go still further, for plaining to us his wishes, and as near so fear regard to what churches they belonged. In my opinion it is by far the best female school we have ever the fund placed servant at the projections of said will and the projections of said will and the projection of incorporation the foundation of any subscriber that the school we have ever the fund placed servant at the projection of the subscriptions should be used by persons who will not only the policies of the the projection of incorporation the foundation of the subscriptions of said will and the projection of incorporation the foundation of the subscriptions of said will and the projection of incorporation the foundation of the subscriptions of said will and the projection of incorporation the foundation of the subscriptions of said will and the projection of incorporation the foundation of the subscriptions of said will and the projection of incorporation the foundation of the subscription of subscribed by Methodists or that the supervising authority in them and cations appeared to what churches they (now dead) and J. B. Stacy, were sum-

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It is true that some reports have ses, and if he had intended this M. Green, T. J. Duncan, C. H. Witt, been made by the president of the preperty to be under the control of D. T. Reynolds and E. P. C. Hay- board of trust to both the quarterly the conference he would have used May, H. M. Brannar, J. S. Childers, their knowledge or consent and it is execute the trust as if he had nam L. E. Abernathy, F. Arrowsmith, H. Ex. No 2 is a report made by the of grounds and erection of buildings

nor is it material.

1. Complainants by their bill at- complainants bill and respondents tator explained hig intentions fully

3. Complainants seek to have a contracting parties but both trus- provisions of their own charter artain construction placed on the tees and legres understood said when bringing suit for the benefit will of Thos. hiartin in favor of the leases to require the school to be op. of said conference. His legal ad Tennessee conference and quarterly erated under the direction and su- viser, Thos. M. Jones, who drafted conference at Pulaski when it ap pervision of the trustees and both his will, will state: pears from said bill itself that both parties are entirely willing that this said conferences have construed court may so construe said leases. said will differently and acted on The charge that the lessees and said construction for seventeen teachers are entirely of other denominations than Methodiats is un | Martin during his last sickness, to 4. Complainants seek to have the true as a matter of fact. It is not quest I went'to his house and after tak-Tennessee annual conference and true that the enactment of the 5th ing full notes of the different provis-4. Complainants seek to have the true as a matter of fact. It is not write his will. In obedience to his re the quarterly conference at Pulaski and 8th items of the charter of Marions of his will he remarked with great ared trustees under the will of tia College was a misuse, abuse and York, kept as curiosities, there are 707 will be friends when they mention the Thos. Martin to hold property perversion of the trusts of the will be had come to Pulaski many years York, kept as curiosities, there are 707 will be friends when they include the books and pamphlets against Methodism. story of that awful night when the Atterior bequeathed when it does not of Thes. Martin but they are in ac-was 21 years old, and had formed a bus

appear that either of them was at cord with his wishes and intentions. was 21 years old, and nad formed a busthe time the will took effect capable It is true that the trustees of Mar- man (naming him) who had greatly of holding such property or execu tin Female College were not ap- embarrassed him, but that the good pointed in quarterly conference nor citizens of Pulaski and of Giles county her men not only important in religious trusts, but important also in secular trusts. Church marching on, and the more intolerance against it the faster it marched,

What did intolerance according to the component of the present of the present denomination rows it. Side by side, in the tempests of six thousand trusts.

The facts stated in complaint and of Gues county to the facts stated in complaint and of the present denomination carries it. Out with the life line! I do not care what denomination carries it. Out with the life boat! I do not care what denomination rows it. Side by side, in lease of Martin College it is put in any meeting presided over by a presided over by a presided over by a simply by the officers of the church at Pulaski assembled and presided over by a lease of Martin College it is put in any meeting presided over by a lease of the church at Pulaski assembled and presided over by a lease of Martin College it is put in any meeting presided over by a lease of the church at Pulaski assembled and presided over by a lease of Martin College it is put in any meeting presided over by a lease of the church at Pulaski assembled and presided over by a lease of Martin College it is put in any meeting presided over by a lease of the church at Pulaski assembled and presided over by a lease of the church at Pulaski assembled and presided over by a lease of the church at Pulaski assembled and presided over by a lease of the church at Pulaski assembled and presided over by a lease of the church at Pulaski assembled and presided over by a lease of the church at Pulaski assembled and presided over by a lease of the church at Pulaski assembled and presided over by a lease of the church at Pulaski assembled and presided over by a lease of the church at Pulaski assembled and presided over by a lease of the church at Pulaski assembled and presided over by a lease of the church at Pulaski assembled and presided over by a lease of the church at Pulaski assembled and presided over by a lease of the church at Pulaski on the contrary it is true to its prop- law or fact that the preliminary appreciation of these many acts of kindresolution passed by the officers of subject some considerable thought he 6. A proper construction of the the church raises any trust in the had come to the conclusion that there 7. A proper construction of said ed in any other relation. They are rines and tenets of the Methodi t has been so piaced as to put it be

build them up and sustain them.

Further answering respondents citizens who have been to me as true

short time before his death, being or move away, how did he desire the anxious to found a female school vacancy to be filled, he repied, by the for the children of the county and officers of the Methodist church at Puthe hands of said quarterly conferered to select trustees to carry belonged to different churches than their purposes and plans into exe- that of the Methodist shurch,

He directed that the interest up the corporation has purchased on the bonds bequesthed by him not be 5ufficient to buy the ground and grounds and erected school build— should be paid over to the officers ings, but they were not wholly paid of the Methodist Episcopal Church male school as was desired, and subfor by the bequest made by Thos South, established at Pulaski, Tenn., scriptions were made by different de-Martin, but partially by money rais- to be by them appropriated to the nominations, as well as by the citizens ed by mortgaging the property and purchasing of grounds and the generally, to raise a fund sufficient to will state;

debt is yet unpaid.

And it is not true that all of said money was relied upon the idea that said school was to be under the control of the Methodist church the control of the ment, I think with all, that it was not and never would become a sectarian or quainted with the late Thomas Martin, and driving his last illness had several the control of the board of trustees in extending the control of the board of trustees in extending the control of the board of trustees in extending the control of the board of trustees in extending the control of the board of trustees in extending the control of the board of trustees in extending the control of the board of trustees in extending the control of the board of trustees in extending the control of the board of trustees in extending the control of the board of the control of the board of trustees in extending the control of the board of the control of the board of trustees in extending the control of the control of the control of the control of the

K. Jones for 18 months, then by Mr. Martin knew this as well as stance: deeding property for church purpo-

and annual conferences, but it is the forms and followed the direcnot true as stated in the bill that tions prescribed by the discipline. the reports of which copies are filed Neither the annual nor quarterly with the complainants bill were all con'erence is mentioned in the wil The demurrer and answer of Mar- made by him, but only one of them and the language used "officers of tin Female College, Ida E Hoed, to wit: Ex No. 2. The report made the Methodist Episcopal Church Susan L. Heron, John S. Wilkes, ex. No. I was not made by the board South, established at Pulaski President of Board of Trustees of of trust nor by any one authorized Tenn." is as plain and pointed des Martin College, W. S. Ezell, J. P. by them to do so and not with ignation of the persons who were to J. B. Childers, John D. Flantt, John untrue so far as is states the col- ed them by their several names T. Steele, L. W. McCord, Board of lege is the property of the churen. with the additional feature of em-Trust; J. B. Childers, N. S. Town- It was made as they are informed bracing their successors as well as particular matter with us and seemed send, John S. Wilkes, I. H. Rainey, by the committee on education of the acting officers. The trusts to Abernathy, H. A. flosengrant, the Tennessee annual conference, be performed were the purchasing Arrowsmith, J. S. Childers, J. T. president of the board of trust and which could be done much more Oakes, J. B. White, H. M. Bran- and shows the relation of the school intelligently by the officers of the nan, Atha T. Baugh, W. S. Ezeli of to the church. Respondents do church at Pulaski than by the anthe official board of Pulaski Station not know in what place it was en- nual or quarterly conference in their Methodist Episcopal Church South. tered on the minutes of the church official church capacity. The wil did not impose on these officers any Defendants not confessing the Ex. No. 3 is a report-made by Dr. trusts or duties in running or oper everal-allegations contained in the R. H. Rivers, the principal of the ating the school and clearly intend

many of them demur to said bell upon his own authority alone. There others But if the court should be and assign the following as grounds is nothing in it that sustains com- of the opinion that there is any amof demorrer and ask the benefit of plainants views or opposes that of biguity or uncertainty in the langrage of the will, then the defend Entitiet No. 4 is not filed with ants show to the court that the tesand free y to his confidential friends nessee annual conference and in It is true that the college proper- and such statements are competent the quarterly conference of the ty was leased to Misses Hood and to point out the parties who were Methodist church at Pulaski but it Heron in 1885 for two years and re- intended and the manner in which foes not appear that they are au- leased to them in 1887 for three they were to hold the said bequest thorized to do so by either confer- years more. The charge that said Nor can the relators object to such ence nor have they made the Ten leases or either of them is a sur-testimony as incompetent because nessee annual conference a party. | render of defendants trust or a per- | under the act of the general assem 2. Complainants by their bill version of the same is untrue as a bly incorporating the Tennessee anseek to reform and revise a charter matter of fact and of law. The con | nual conference it is competent to not for any alleged illegality in it, struction sought to be put upon show by extrinsic proof, written or but in order to make it conform to a certain construction of the will of Thos. Martin.

Struction Sought to be put upon parol whether said conference is the correct and is wholly foreign to the intended grantee or donee under understanding and intention of the any will and they cannot escape the

PAROL EVIDENCE.

"I was requested by Mr. Thomas

ness. That after bestowing upon the male school under the control and agement and control of the school, of the citizens of the county than enmanagement of the Tennessee aubut it extends only to the fostering
action of the Gounty than enaction of the Gounty than e Father Almighty, maker of heaven and conference of the Methodist church and respondents deny that the her children. That he had \$30,000 in a subject of conversation between us school in the town of Pulaski, I school has ever been by them plac- state bonds which he wished to give to particularly in relation to the estab- hereby bequeath to the said instituthe endowment of a temale school in lishment of a temale seminary in Pu the town of Pulaski and \$20,000 in laski. He once proposed to give \$5,000 will does not require that the prin- sincerely desirous of the fostering county warrants to Giles College which for the erection of a commodious buildcipals and teachers of the school care of the Methodist church but was a male school at Pulaski. After ing for the education of young ladies founded under it should necessarily do not wish its control or manage-be Methodists nor that the doc-ment. They deny that the school that from his observations through life, others, and to show his unsectarian,

were in the most prosperous and flour- an edifice should be erected and a school, then the sum of money youd or outside of its proper fos- ishing condition were those which had school put in operation the management 8 Complainants do not show that the ring relation and the annual control of the same he placed in the place and Methodist church can the matter in controversy either consistently give it that care and the said, that I would wish to establish the said, that I would wish to establish the Breathertan church at Polestic to the paid over to the officers of the M. personally or an representing any patronage if they see fit to do so, or ever see established a sectarian the Presbyterian church at Pulaski. school, for although I have been a member of the Methodist church for about Female Academy at Polaski, several ator I. J. Dancan and he does not lect an interest that will tend to fifty years, and no one lives who is tempts were made to establish a dismore devoted to the church than I am, tinetly Mcthouist school at Pulaski, to yet I number among the Presbyterian | each of which efforts Mr. Martin put | reoted, church and old Baptist church many show that Thes. Martin was a man and good friends as I ever found in the tion. This issues me to the concannot be made on the old lines. Outside of France it has long been regarded as certain that the canal would not be completed within the time announced so often pleted within the time announced so often said bill as is material as follows:

Methodist church—that he did not wished acquaintance, suppose of said built and not waiving perior business qualifications, large of the conference, but under the conference, but under the confidentially informed method to the conference, but under the confidentially informed method to the conference, but under the confidentially informed method to the confidential to the confidenti local attachments. He frequently Episcopal Church, South, established thing for the purpose of creating and that they are the officers of thead, stated that all that he had and all in the town of Pulaski. He remarked endowing an institution of learning for ly Methodist Episcopal Chulch believed, on the authority of unprejudiced engineers who have carefully examined the works, that it never will be completed in accordance with the present plans. Practically two-thirds of the work remains to be done, and all of this is much more difficult that which has been done, while some of it, as for instance the regimen of the Chagres river, is still an unsolved problem. The question is a unsolved problem. The question is

reason he left out the bequest to Giles

"After the death of Mr. Martin and tion, now so generally patronized, and C. Brown, P. H. Ezell, J. A. Sumpthe probate of the will it was very one which by its success is now doing ter and Henry M. Spofford a board the state bonds, which was all that ment, I think with all, that it was not

MAJ. J. B. STACY'S STATEMENT,

To all whom it may concern: nim for the purpose of establishing a temale school in the town of Pulaski, but my recollection is that but a few days before his death he called J. R. make similar statements and these Childers, B. W. Mason, (now dead) and will leave no doubt of the true inmyself in his room and discussed this tention of the testator whether it anxious to impress upon our minds was properly embodied in his will or that this school should not be sectarian not, and if by reason of the lanin its tendency, but was to be for the benefit of the children of the community in which he had spent the better part of his lite.

Mr. Newton White, one of his ntimate friends in social and busiess relations will state:

MR, NEWTON WHITE'S STATEMENT. I had several conversations with M: homas Martin, during the last years of his life, in reference to the establish ment of a female school in Pulaski On every occasion he declared most emphatically that it was not his intention to make the school which he pro- the will. There was present the enposed to endow denominational or sectarian. His object in placing the bequest in the control of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, located in Pulaski was to place it in the care and er in charge. Exhibit No. I, made trust of a body of men in whom he a part of this answer is a full mincould confide, and who would be succeeded by others whom he could trust On one occasion I told him he had done well for the girls of the country, and suggested I would be glad for him to give an equal amount to Giles College the Methodist Episcopal Church for the education of our boys. He ream sure the cld men comprising the this day held to wit, June 21st, 1870. 121 es College board of trust, in whose Present J. P. McFerrin, preacher bonesty I have implicit confidence, in charge of said church at Pulaski would carry out my wishes, but I do and chairman providing not know that their successors would do so, and I fear that my aim in making such bequest might ultimately be perverted. I was so thoroughly impressed with this determination to establish a non-denominational school, which assurance was so strongly repeated by the trustees of Martin College, that I gave some money to ald in paying for the grounds and buildings. This I would not have done but for this assurance of

the testator and the trustees appointed o manage and control the school. Rev. Rob't Caldwell, a Presbyterian clergyman who was a trusted and intimate friend will state.

REV ROB'T CALDWELL WRITES: LIVINGSTON, ALA., April, 24 .- Dr. C. . Abernathy-Dear Sir: Yours of the 18th inst. came to hand yesterday. 1 quest. For more than a quarter of a century Mr. Marcin and myself were series and 12 of the new and pay

almost daily in tamiliar and intimate over to the officers of the M. E. intercouse. Occasionally during that Church, South, established at Puship.
Mr. Martin was a pronounced Methodist in doctrine, but not so much in his views of ecclesiastical policy. He was a democrat in religion as well as in politics. Hence he was opposed to centralization of power, both in state and church. He was averse to a government that dominated local institutions. As to denominational schools of learning, except theological ones, his he had found that those schools which catholic spirit suggested that if such trustees appointed for the female Again during my principalship of the and to be by them appropriated solehimself in carnest opposition.

enildren were continued under my tui- will and the trusts and duties tional interest, but for the public good. In other words while as a Methodist cers of the Methodist communion at Pulaski, still it was clear to my mind he terms and provisions of said will. had no design of having a distinctively denominational phase prefixed to the contemplated building and institution the Methodist church or communion located at Pulaski should be the male school in the town of Pulaski source of control over such building hereafter to be built up and estaband school in entire distinction from lished by them in conformity with district or annual conference rule and authority. I have thus hastily written now at issue-views taken from my nomination and election as such question. A contest at law may serious y damage the interest of the instituhonor to the memory of Mr. Martin. Restpectfully,

Mr. J. B. Childers, for a long number of years his bosom friend and associate in business and society and in the Methodist church, ent of the donations contained in

I was to some extent intimately ac- be no fied of their election and that rominational or sectarian. It is not true that a minister of the Methodist church was elected the first principal of the school. On the rections of the general or annual associate and confidential friend as provided in his will, for the reason continued on Fourth Page.

that the stewards of the Methodist Episcopal Church would or should always be good and pure men and by that means a good board of trust would be kept. Of course I did not know This is to certify that I was inti-nately acquainted with Themas Mar-ertainly did say, and from his instruccertainly did say, and from his instrucin in the last twenty years of his life, tions to us, did not intend that conferand possessed his confidence to some extent. Was frequently with him durit should be denominational, but just to extent. Was frequently with him during the latter part of his life, and at his suggestion a short time before his death made some alterations in his last will and testament, the original of the funds from being diverted from his which had been drawn by Judge Thos.
M. Jones. My recollection is there was no change in the items in said will relative to the bequest made by will relative to the bequest made by

There are many others who will was properly embodied in his will or same shall be construed as to provide for a denominational school, it will be directly contrary to the actual desire of the testator as expressed to his friends and confi-

Soon after making his will Mr. Martin died and very soon thereafter the officers of the Methodist church of Pulaski met together in forma! meeting to accept bequests and trusts conferred upon them by tire board of stewards and trusute of that meeting as follows:

ACTION OF THE CHURCH AT PULASKI PULASKI, TENN., June 21, 1870. South, established at Fulaski, was and chairman presiding at said meeting, J. C. Lester, sec'y, Field Arrowsmith, Wm. F. Ballentine, A. C.x, J. B. Childers, T. M. N. Jones, J. L. Pearcy, and B. Shapard comprising the board of stewards and the trustees of said church at Pulaski and the preacher in charge, The meeting being called to order the last will and testament of Thomas Martin, deceased, late of Pulaski, Tennessee, was brought before the meeting and the kind and noble bequests made in the 8th and 11th items thereof were Item 8th. I direct my executor to deposit in some bank or secure

place thirty state bonds of one thousand dollars each 18 of the old laski the interest which may accrue and be collected on the same to be by them appropriated for purchasing of grounds and erecting suita ble buildings for a female school. And after said buildings shall be erected, said interest shall be anqually appropriated in part pay-

ment of the teachers who may be employed in said school. Item 11th. In addition to the be quests which I have already made for the use and benefit of a female tion the sum of \$5,000 in each to be paid over to the trustees at the expiration of two years after the qualification of my executor. In the event there should not be any E church in the town of Pulaski benefit of said school as before are

And the said provisions of in imposed being duly an hip in will he had made, he spoke plainly con- years previous thereto, and being cerning his educational bequest. : If I fully satisfied that the officers comunderstood him correctly the object of prising this meeting are the offl cers intended and designated in said will. Therefore, be it resolved. it becomes proper for him to show that we as the officers of said a becoming respect for his oburch, by church accept the bequests and do making it the trustee, if I may use the nations contained in said will with word, of his endowment, and by his church I mean the representative offitions thereof, according to the Resolved, that in carrying out this trust and the true intent of the testator we deem it proper and necof learning. My decided conviction is that Mr. Martin fully intended that essary that we should nominate and elect a board of trustees for a fe-

> and as herein delegated by their Resolved, that with this view we nominste and elect the following named gentlemen : Wm. F. Ballentine, Angernol Cox, Joseph B. Childers, Julius P. May, Jno. T. Steele, Jno. of trustees to build up and establish a female school in the town of Pulaski to be under their authority, control and supervision and their successors at all times and such as

> the trusts contained in said will

said will and herein contemplated. R solved, that the said trustees

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